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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA

FEBRUARY 1968

This statement includes preliminary information on imports for February 1968 with comparative figures for the months of December 1967 and January 1968 and eight months ended February 1967 and 1968 classified according to sections and divisions of the Australian Import Commodity Classification. More detailed figures will be published in the Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade, Part 2 : Imports, February 1968.

IMPORTS ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a)

(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

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Section and Division (c)	December	January	February	Eight months ended	
	1967	1968	1968	February	
				1967	1968
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	51	45	795	1,405	1,705
01 Meat and meat preparations	71	30	63	321	441
02 Dairy products and eggs	311	240	299	2,574	2,638
03 Fish and fish preparations	2,094	3,176	3,447	20,183	19,173
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	151	213	276	1,879	2,225
05 Fruit and vegetables	1,133	1,321	1,384	11,407	11,667
06 Sugar and sugar preparations and honey	227	181	218	1,519	1,640
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2,999	3,529	4,177	29,971	31,007
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	517	755	513	5,210	5,484
09 Miscellaneous preparations chiefly for food	109	134	168	1,201	1,299
<u>Total Section 0</u>	<u>7,663</u>	<u>9,624</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>75,670</u>	<u>77,279</u>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO-					
11 Beverages	1,281	1,133	1,000	7,052	9,112
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,656	2,483	1,679	18,627	13,034
<u>Total Section 1</u>	<u>2,937</u>	<u>3,616</u>	<u>2,679</u>	<u>25,679</u>	<u>22,146</u>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, undressed	134	297	301	1,654	1,586
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels	239	485	1,075	4,103	4,467
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1,750	1,356	1,825	18,327	16,645
24 Wood, timber and cork	2,773	2,509	4,178	22,189	25,492

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

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Section and Division (c)	December	January	February	Eight months ended	
	1967	1968	1968	February 1967	February 1968
25 Pulp and waste paper	2,406	2,114	1,533	15,929	16,749
26 Textile Fibres and their waste	2,467	2,299	2,943	22,159	21,319
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (except coal, petroleum and precious stones)	4,361	6,670	5,611	40,972	46,481
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,313	657	535	3,024	3,622
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	803	927	1,425	7,703	8,256
<u>Total Section 2</u>	16,246	17,314	19,426	136,060	144,617
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	12	16	37	290	304
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	17,256	19,997	20,644	164,437	158,332
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	1	3	12	23	36
<u>Total Section 3</u>	17,269	20,016	20,693	164,750	158,672
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OIL AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	110	38	72	917	734
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	524	870	826	8,224	6,852
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	82	145	100	920	945
<u>Total Section 4</u>	716	1,053	998	10,061	8,531
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	6,061	8,987	8,980	67,974	64,329
52 Mineral tar and crude chemicals from coal, petroleum and natural gas	580	177	38	1,615	1,257
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,101	1,930	1,418	12,665	12,349
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1,923	3,011	3,441	23,449	24,265
55 Essential oils and perfume materials, toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	607	1,137	1,229	9,671	8,716
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	737	883	950	8,246	8,117
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	105	122	84	3,762	3,402
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose and artificial resins	5,082	7,909	6,048	45,323	49,398
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	3,046	2,940	4,801	26,771	27,621
<u>Total Section 5</u>	19,242	27,096	26,989	199,476	199,454

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IMPORTS ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	December	January	February	Eight months ended	
	1967	1968	1968	1967	1968
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed fur skins	482	457	767	3,856	4,197
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	3,106	4,473	3,353	17,588	25,554
63 Wood and cork manufactures (except furniture)	934	1,251	1,052	6,834	8,731
64 Paper, paperboard and manu- factures thereof	6,119	7,855	9,786	58,748	63,016
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made- up articles and related products	14,781	22,107	19,346	156,194	164,848
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	3,489	5,288	5,114	36,895	37,352
67 Iron and steel	8,121	8,625	7,301	40,963	60,419
68 Non-ferrous metals	979	1,653	2,162	14,531	12,708
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	4,389	6,936	6,513	45,234	48,071
<u>Total Section 6</u>	42,400	58,645	55,394	380,843	424,896
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery, (except electric)	35,318	51,736	55,088	362,234	386,325
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	14,255	17,015	17,094	122,592	132,860
73 Transport equipment (including warships, and military aircraft)	22,250	36,540	39,316	253,555	291,226
<u>Total Section 7</u>	71,823	105,291	111,498	738,381	810,411
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	213	417	405	2,428	2,586
82 Furniture	222	339	268	2,025	2,506
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	331	282	253	2,862	3,458
84 Clothing and clothing accessories and articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	2,045	2,548	2,782	13,233	17,256
85 Footwear, gaiters, and similar articles and parts therefor	305	557	715	4,749	6,500

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IMPORTS ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORTCOMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	December	January	February	Eight months ended	
	1967	1968	1968	February	
				1967	1968
86 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	6,624	7,687	7,404	55,893	59,963
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	8,527	10,407	10,248	78,347	88,699
<u>Total Section B</u>	18,267	22,237	22,075	159,537	180,968
9A Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind	6,679	7,494	9,052	77,860	71,360
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE</u>	203,242	272,386	280,144	1,968,317	2,098,334
9B Non-merchandise (d)	4,231	3,446	4,794	28,292	33,512
<u>TOTAL</u>	207,473	275,832	284,938	1,996,609	2,131,846

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately £ 337 million for twelve months ended 30 June 1967. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (d) Non-merchandise items include commodities such as gold, legal tender, decorations, trophies, samples, passengers' personal effects, goods for the use of diplomatic and consular representatives, goods imported with the intention of being re-exported, etc. A complete description of these commodities is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

NOTE. A change in procedures whereby import entries can be cleared by the Department of Customs and Excise in advance of the arrival of the goods was introduced on a trial basis in some customs ports on 13 November 1967 and was extended to the ports of Sydney and Melbourne on 6 February 1968. This change in procedures will to some extent affect the time at which imports are recorded statistically. The effect will probably be spread over several months as importers and customs agents take advantage of the new procedures. It is not practicable to obtain an accurate measure of the effect of the new procedures on statistics of imports but it seems likely that for the year 1967-68 the total value of imports would be increased by less than one per cent. The effect on subsequent years is expected to be negligible.

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